Ministries and States for implementation. The National Water Board constituted in September, 1990, inter-alia, to review the progress of implementation of the National Water Policy, has deliberated upon several important issuis relating to the water resources sector and have suggested formulation of policies on the following issues:

(i) Water Information Bill;

(ii) Setting up of River Basin Organisations; and

(iii) National Policy for rehabilitation and resettlement of persons affected by reservoirs.

Draft Policies have bee formulated and comments of the State Governments on these draft policies have been called for. On receipt of comments from all the States, the draft policies are to be finalised and placed before the National Water Resources Council. Implementation of these policies will be done only after these are adopted by the National Water Resources Council.

देश में नहर-परियोजनाओं के संबंध में विश्व बैंक की टिप्पणियां

2261 **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विश्व बैंक ने देश की सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के संबंध में सरकार का ध्यान आकृष्ट करते हुए कहा है कि देश में अनेक निर्माणाधीन तथा निर्मित नहर-परियोजनायें निरर्थक हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं पर मार्च, 1993 तक कुल कितनी राशि व्यय की जा चुकी है तथा इसमें विदेशी ऋण कितना है, जिस पर देश को ब्याज देना पड़ रहा है; और

(घ) विश्व बैंक द्वारा की गई टिप्पणियों पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के० थुंगन) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Survey on Surface and Ground Water in Bihar

2262. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any survey regarding the total available surface and ground water in Bihar which can be utilised for irrigation purposes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Government propose to undertake a survey in this regard to provide irrigation facilities to farmers in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Irrigation being a State Subject, surveys for water resources development are carried out by the State Governments. However, for inter-state rivers, hydrological observations are conducted by the Central Water Commission which includes rivers in Bihar also. The Central Ground Water Board has carried ont survey of ground water availability in Bihar. Based on the survey and exploration, the annu